GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Service - Junior Civil Judges - Smt. Araveti Manjulatha, former Junior Civil Judge, Gooty, Ananthapuramu district, presently Principal Junior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, Chittoor district - Regular departmental enquiry ordered against the officer - Enquiry report together with record of enquiry received - Considered - Show cause notice issued to the officer calling for her written statement of submissions as to why appropriate punishment should not be imposed against her under the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Written statement of submissions of the charged officer received – Considered - Recommendation for imposition of major penalty of dismissal from service upon the officer – Received – Imposition of penalty of **"Dismissal from service"** against the officer on the recommendation of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Orders – Issued.

LAW (L AND LA&J-HOME-COURTS.A)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.147 **Dated: 29-08-2023**
Read:

From the Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of Andhra Pradesh, ROC.Lr.No.1714/2018-Vigilance Cell, dt.01.08.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the letter read above, the Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati has stated that the High Court having considered the complaint petitions and statement of Sri K. Satish, Advocate, R/o. West Godavari district against Smt. Araveti Manjulatha, Junior Civil Judge, Gooty, Ananthapuramu district, presently Principal Junior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, Chittoor district and subsequent enquiry report of the Enquiry Officer-cum-Principal District Judge, Prakasam, regular departmental enquiry was conducted by framing of articles of charge:

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

The officer, while working as such, during the relevant period, having developed close acquaintance with Sri K. Satish, Advocate, R/o. Jangareddygudem,

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(i) Shared the judgments of the cases adjudicated by her and discussed about the cases in which judgments are to be delivered and also the outcome of the judgments through whatsapp, audio and video calls and phone with the said Sri K. Satish, Advocate, and obtain his opinion regarding the cases pending in your court; and

(ii) asked him to shift his residence from Jangareddygudem to Anantapur so that he could strike deals with the local advocates on her behalf for passing favourable orders; and

(iii) transmitted and shared with him the judicial proceedings in connection with examinations U/s. 313 Cr.P.C, bails, remands, office proceedings, Police correspondence and all other court related matters through audio and video calls; and

(iv) transmitted the conversations that took place between she and Police officials; and

(v) transmitted the live coverage of Judicial Officers Conference and that apart shared the details of inspection proceedings of the court through audio call; and

thereby acted in a manner amounting to judicial impropriety transmitting the day-to-day judicial proceedings, which a judicial officer is prohibited from doing so and contrary to Rule 14 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. And whereas, on considering the written statement of the Charged Officer, a regular departmental enquiry has been ordered against the Charged Officer by entrusting the enquiry to Enquiry Officer-cum-Principal District Judge, Prakasam to conduct the enquiry in to the charges framed against the Charged Officer. The Enquiry Officer-cum-Principal District Judge, Prakasam after conducting the enquiry, submitted report together with entire record of enquiry holding that the Point Nos. (i), (iii) to (v) of the article of charge are proved and the point No.(ii) of the article of charge is not established.

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3. And whereas, the High Court having considered the Enquiry Reports together with the entire record of enquiry, issued show cause notices to the charged officer requiring her to submit written representations on the findings and conclusions recorded against her in the Enquiry Report. The charged officer submitted her written statement in the matter.

4. And whereas, he has also stated that, having further considered the enquiry report and subsequent written statement of submissions on the findings and conclusions recorded against her in the enquiry report, the Administrative Committee-II of Hon'ble Judges resolved as thus:-

> **"The response to the show cause notice dated 3.4.2023 has been received from the officer. The explanation offered by the officer is not found satisfactory. Therefore, the Committee resolved to impose major penalty of dismissal from service. The matter shall be placed before the Full Court by way of circulation."**

5. Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Full Court of Hon'ble Judges for approval and as such, the Full Court of Hon'ble Judges resolved to approve the above said resolution of the Administrative Committee-II of Hon'ble Judges. The Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of A.P., Amaravati has requested the Government to issue necessary final orders, at an early date, in consonance with the above said recommendation of the High Court by imposing a major penalty of dismissal from service upon Smt. Araveti Manjulatha, former Junior Civil Judge, Gooty, Ananthapuramu district, presently Principal Junior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, Chittoor district, from the date of issuance of Government orders.

6. Now, therefore, the Government after careful examination of the material and considering the recommendation of the Administrative Committee-II of Hon'ble Judges and approved by the Full Court of Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh and in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 9 (x) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991, hereby impose major penalty of "dismissal from service" on Smt. Araveti Manjulatha, former Junior Civil Judge, Gooty, Ananthapuramu district, presently Principal Junior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, Chittoor district with immediate effect.

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7. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extraordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gezette.

NOTIFICATION

*In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (x) of rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh on the recommendation of the Full Court of Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh, hereby impose the penalty of **"Dismissal from Service"** on Smt. Araveti Manjulatha, former Junior Civil Judge, Gooty, Ananthapuramu district, presently Principal Junior Civil Judge, Madanapalle, Chittoor district, with immediate effect*

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G SATYA PRABHAKAR RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS & JUSTICE
LAW DEPARTMENT

To
The Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
The Individual through the Registrar (Vigilance), A.P High Court, Amaravati.
The Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
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The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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SECTION OFFICER